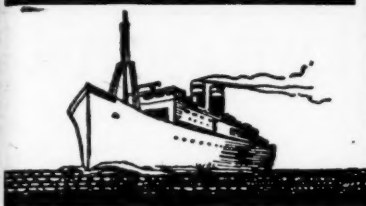


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Repaired Stamps Banned by A. P. S.



regummed stamps.

AST Fall, there was considerable discussion over a proposal that the leading stamp societies take some action with regard to repaired, reperfected, and otherwise altered

from membership in event of violation of the ruling.

The A. P. S. at its convention in Baltimore adopted a rule which it now proposed to make binding on all its members and the application and enforcement of this rule is provided for in a set of rules and regulations to be enforced by the society through its sales department.

We are pleased to print the complete text of the announcement of the action of the Board of Vice Presidents of the society with regard to enforcement of the new regulations and call particular attention to the fact that the society recognizes the fact that it can only police its own membership. It should therefore be evident to everyone that this represents but a small group of the whole number of stamp collectors and dealers in America.

Collectors should note with interest that many of the leading dealers are members of the A. P. S. This regulation of the society applies to these dealers in their transactions with collectors direct, just the same as it applies on sales through the Sales Department of the Society. We of course recognize that the society can enforce this rule as applied to its sales department by merely removing such stamps from the sales books, but in the case of sales by dealer members in their usual manner of trade, the society can also expell such dealers

VANCE HOLDEN

On Monday, January 5th at 2:00 p. m. there passed from this earth Vance Holden, at the age of 58 years. Vance Holden was born in Allegheny, Pa., and came to Cleveland, Ohio 28 years ago.

For the past 15 years he has been a member of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club and has served the club in many capacities, Secretary from 1929 to 1934 and again in later years. He was also on the Board of Trustees and served as Vice-President. He was the local representative for the National Federation of Stamp Clubs and a member of the American Philatelic Society for many years past.

Some years ago he was an enthusiastic collector of France and in later years has been a specialist in U. S. plate varieties. He being the first to report many of these in late years.

His death is a great loss to the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club and to his hundreds of friends throughout this part of the country to whom his smiling face was always a beacon for a friendly handshake and a word of good cheer.

It may seem that this is quite a mild punishment, yet should be sufficient to guarantee that dealer members of the A. P. S. will deal fairly with their trade since the stigma of expulsion over a matter of this nature would be sufficient to cause great injury to anyone so expelled and altho the punishment may seem mild, it should prove sufficient to guarantee to collectors that in trading with dealers who are members of the American Philatelic Society, they can rest assured of getting stamps that are correct in every detail or are marked to indicate the extent to which they may have been repaired or altered.

We are pleased to quote herewith the announcement as issued by the society.

The Board of Vice Presidents of the American Philatelic Society has called attention to the following action taken by the 1941 Convention at its annual meeting at Baltimore, Maryland, this action being binding upon all members of the Society:

"No stamp which has been repaired, reperfected, regummed or altered in any manner whatsoever, shall be sold or disposed of by a member of this Society unless such stamp shall be plainly and indelibly marked on the reverse side as to its true condition. Any violation of this rule shall subject the member to disciplinary action by the Board of Vice President."

To make the above rule effective insofar as the Sales Department of the American Philatelic Society is con-

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cerned, and pursuant to the order of the Convention, the Board of Vice Presidents has adopted the following additional rules and regulations:

"As a condition precedent to the entering of stamps in the Sales Department, every member shall agree to authorize and permit the marking by the Sales Book Examiners, of all stamps so entered which have been repaired, reperforated, regummed or otherwise altered and he shall release the Society, its officers and/or agents, from any liability for so marking any stamp.

"All stamps entered into the Sales Department and determined by the Examiners to be repaired, reperforated, regummed or otherwise altered shall be removed by the Examiners and shall be plainly and indelibly marked to indicate their true condition.

"Before so marking such stamps, the Examiners shall give notice, by registered mail, to the owner of the intention to do so, and unless the owner files written objections within seven days after delivery of such notice to the place of business or residence of the owner, the Examiner shall proceed to so mark the stamps in question.

"A member may appeal from the decision of the Examiners by referring the question to the Board of Experts within seven days after receipt of the aforementioned notice from the Examiners and by notifying the Examiners, within such seven day period, of intention to appeal from the ruling of the Examiners. In the event the Board of Experts shall sustain the finding of the Examiners, then the cost of such examination shall be borne by the owner; in the event the Board of Experts shall not sustain the finding of the Examiners, then the cost of such examination shall be borne by the Society and shall be payable out of the Insurance Fund.

"A fine of twenty-five cents shall be assessed against the owner for each stamp removed by the Examiners upon finding by the Examiners that

such stamp has been repaired, reperforated, regummed or otherwise altered, which stamp was not so marked by the owner before being entered in the Sales Department. Such owner may also be subject to discipline by the Board of Vice Presidents as in other cases involving misconduct or conduct unbecoming a member."

P. O. Department Doing Its Bit

Perhaps it is a Christmas Gift to America, leastwise the date of the announcement by the Postoffice Department that the 6c Air Mail rate will henceforth apply on all letters from America to any of the American armed forces in any part of the world, is December 25th. The announcement also provides that parcel post matter to the same points shall henceforth go at fourth zone rates rather than at eight zone rates as heretofore. Complete details will be found in the P. O. Department announcement published last week.

Russian War News

Listening to the radio on Tuesday evening, January 6th, station WLW, we heard Peter Grant, the commentator tell of a Philatelic stunt that the Russian flying force was pulling on the retreating Germans. Mr. Grant stated that the Russians were flying over the German lines and dropping post cards with German stamps attached ready for mailing. The cards bore a picture of a field full of wooden crosses with an iron helmet hung on one in front and the wording at the foot of the picture was "Plenty of Living Space in the East." The cards carried also the suggestion that the Germans mail them back home. We wonder if any stamp collector will ever possess one of these used cards.

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Australasian Notes

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The new Budget provides now definitely for a $\frac{1}{2}$ d. rise in postal rates and it has now been officially announced that to save paper and to provide the new $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. value until new stamps are printed, the remaining stocks of the current 2d. K.G.VI. stamps will be surcharged with the new $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. denomination. This may involve an additional surcharge of $5\frac{1}{2}$ d. on the 5d. pictorial (Ram) as this value prepaies the registered tax, which consists of 3d. registration fee plus the ordinary rate. Since the ordinary letter rate is to be increased to $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. it follows automatically that the cost of registering a letter will be $5\frac{1}{2}$ d. and hence my reason for the additional surcharge.

If some American collectors have not heard from their Australian pen-friends for quite a long time, there is no need to worry, for recent Customs regulations have provided for stricter control on the sending out of stamps to overseas countries and even the smallest sending of stamps necessitates quite an involved procedure of obtaining the required license for the export of the stamps. Actually the formalities connected with the obtaining of an export license are quite simple when you have to do it over and over again, as many dealers have found out. But the collector who has to obtain a license once in a blue moon must find the procedure rather irksome and even altogether discouraging. So if your Australian friend has not sent you any stamps lately, blame the Customs. But do not think for a moment that the export of stamps is forbidden. On the contrary, the export of stamps to U.S.A. is encouraged for it brings in the ever welcome dollar but all exports are now made under license, so that the Authorities may keep a check on the proceeds.

A recent proposal which received quite a lot of press publicity suggested a special postal issue to mark the heroic defense of Tobruk. So far nothing more has been heard, but it is quite likely that a totally new series, on the lines of the South African War Stamps may replace the current pictorial set.

Negotiations now in progress between the Australian, U.S.A. and New Zealand governments are very likely to result in the extension of the Trans-Pacific Clipper air mail service to Australia. No doubt full details will be available in the American press before they are published in Australia.

New Zealand

The 1941 Health set made its appearance on October 4th and as stated previously it consists of the two values of the 1940 Health set overprinted with the year "1941" in the upper portion of the design.

Specially printed Souvenir Covers were provided by the Federation of Health Camps and the Christ church N.Z. Industries Fair which opened on the 4th October used a special first day cancellation.

The lower values of the current set are being now issued in one uniform design portraying King George VI. So far the $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d. and 3d. values have been made available and $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 2d. denominations are to be issued shortly.

From Melbourne "Herald" Dated Nov. 19, 1941

CANBERRA. Three new stamps $2\frac{1}{2}$ d., $3\frac{1}{2}$ d., and $5\frac{1}{2}$ d. will be issued because of the increase in postal charges, the Postmaster-General (Senator Ashley) announced today. They are now being printed.

Senator Ashley said that until the new stamps could be printed, which might take two months, adequate supplies of the present 2d. (King's head, red) 3d. (king's head, blue), and 5d. (merino, violet), would be overprinted $2\frac{1}{2}$ d., $3\frac{1}{2}$ d., and $5\frac{1}{2}$ d., respectively.

A special supply of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamps was being prepared to meet requirements until the new stamps were ready. The proclamation, which will make the new charges law, has been prepared by the Postmaster-General for submission to the Governor-General immediately the Bill amending the Post and Telegraph Acts is passed by both Houses. The date on which the new charges are to come into operation cannot be fixed until then.

Special arrangements had been made to continue service by stamp machines said Senator Ashley. Existing 1d. machines will be adjusted to receive the smaller coins and issue half-penny stamps, and these machines would be placed beside existing 2d. machines.

Further half-penny machines would be obtained by the Postal Department as early as possible, but the supply of such mechanical equipment was governed largely by war conditions.

● Tripolitania in 1934 issued to commemorate the Second Italian Colonial Art Exhibition at Naples, Italy, a set of airmail stamps which contained one design that is novel in postage stamp designs. It depicts simply the shadow of a plane on the Tripolitanian desert.

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The author has, from the best information available, arranged all essays chronologically and tied them up with the issued stamps for which they were essayed, by assigning numbers and letters corresponding to Scott's Stamp Numbers. Henceforth, all U. S. Essays will be listed and sold by Brazer's Essay Numbers by Auctioneers and Dealers who have heretofore had to try to identify them by Mason's list.

A tremendous amount of information has been recorded from the author's fifteen years of research. The names are given of all known engraving firms, designers, and engravers and dates essayed, many times even to the exact day. All issues are covered from the 1845 postmasters thru all postage issues to the 1937 presidential issue, special delivery, postage due, official, newspaper, parcel post and post office seals. Truly this is a pictorial and descriptive history of the preparation of all designs for United States Postage Stamps that gives us information to be found nowhere else.

Most of these designs have never been seen before by the average collector and many of them are so beautiful that one wonders why they were not accepted. Others are extremely odd patents to prevent re-use or photographic counterfeiting, particularly those essayed after the Civil War. This catalog makes clear the thrill of discovery and identification that these most unusual designs give to the col-

lector. The author has listed all colors known on the various papers used, both for die and plate essays, and tells whether they are uncommon, scarce, very scarce, rare, very rare, or unique, which of course means that only one can exist. In the front of the book he gives definitions of essays, proofs and papers which should be of great help to collectors.

This book—236 pages—is handsomely bound in red cloth with gold lettering and the large typography is excellent, making practical use very easy. There is also an alphabetical and a numerical index. We understand that the author contemplates listing and illustrating new discoveries in the American Philatelist so that it will be kept up to date. Unfortunately the publication is of a small edition and no re-print can be made as the type and cuts have been distributed.

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Philatelic Congress Handbook

From Eugene Klein comes a copy of the Handbook of the Seventh American Philatelic Congress held at Boston, November 28 to 30th last year. This handbook like those for the preceding years contains a great amount of expert knowledge and information in compact form on a variety of subjects that should make it of value and interest to most everyone.

Printed within its covers are a dozen different papers read before the Congress on a wide variety of subjects concerning both U. S. as well as Foreign issues. James B. Hatcher writes about Early Nippon Cancellations. What would be more appropriate today would be "Current Cancellations."

The wide variety of subjects treated offers an opportunity for every collector to find material of interest in the volume and the book will make a desirable addition to any Philatelists Library.

The edition is limited to 500 copies and interested collectors may obtain same by addressing the Secretary of the Congress. Mr. Jere Hess Barr, 533 Penn St., Reading, Pa. Price of the book is \$1.00

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A.P.S. 1942 Meet

President Rollin E. Flower of the American Philatelic Society has officially appointed the following to serve on the Committee on Arrangements for the 57th annual convention of the Society: Frederick W. Green, General Chairman, George C. Hahn, Nelson P. LaGanke, Donald F. Lybarger, Donald W. Martin, Hennen M. Sanford and L. D. Shoemaker.

The above committee consists of members who were elected by Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, the host club, to serve as trustees of the Cleveland Convention Committee of the American Philatelic Society. This Convention Committee has been organized to manage in behalf of Garfield-Perry Stamp Club the 57th annual convention.

The dates for the holding of the convention have officially been set for August 12 to 16 inc., 1942 and the convention will be held at the Hotel Hollenden in Cleveland. The Hotel Hollenden is the headquarters of the host club and the public rooms of the hotel are spacious and well arranged for exhibits, meeting places and all other necessary arrangements.

The Convention Committee at its organization meeting elected Frederick W. Green, the attorney of the American Philatelic Society, for its chairman. L. D. Shoemaker was chosen vice-chairman and George C. Hahn, Secretary of the Convention Committee. Frederick W. Green is well known for his ability and common sense, and under his direction the American Philatelic Society is promised one of the finest conventions it ever held. L. D. Shoemaker has managed many of the exhibits of Garfield-Perry Stamp Club at its annual open house parties and is known for his Canadian prize-winning collections. George C. Hahn has taken an active part in the affairs of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club for many years and has been one of the contributors to the American Philatelist on the subject of "20th Century U. S. A. Topics."

Committee Chairmen already have been appointed by the Convention Committee so that plans can be laid early for the smooth running of the convention. These respective committee chairmen are: Bourse - Nelson P. LaGanke; Exhibition - L. D. Shoemaker; Program - Donald W. Martin; Publicity - George C. Hahn; Ways and Means - Donald F. Lybarger. Nelson P. LaGanke for many years has efficiently handled the Bourse for Garfield-Perry Stamp Club's open house parties and also is known as the

originator of the Mint Sheet Brokerage Company and Hi-Hat Auctions. Donald W. Martin and Donald F. Lybarger are well known as Vice-Presidents of the American Philatelic Society and both are past presidents of Garfield-Perry Stamp Club.

Philatelic Fiesta in Chicago

The North Shore Philatelic Society will hold its Eighth annual Exhibition, Bourse and Dinner Dance on January 30, 31 and February 1, 1942, at their headquarters, Edgewater Beach Hotel. There will be 250 frames of the rarest stamps on display, including a huge Government exhibit valued at \$50,000. Many prominent collectors from Chicago and vicinity are expected to enter their choicest material and some of the finest cover and stamp collections of the country will be shown. Entries will be judged and prizes awarded.

On Saturday night, January 31, the annual dinner dance will be held in the Michigan Room of the Edgewater Beach Hotel. There will be a grand floor show by professional entertainers and a well-known orchestra will furnish the music for the dinner dance. A most enjoyable dinner is promised by the Hotel management.

Postmaster Ernest J. Krueger, who is an honorary member of the Society, will attend and many notables in philately have also promised to be present.

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Yes, you can pass it off for that to the unsuspecting public but you can not fool a stamp collector with it. Linprint uses thousands of the late commemorative stamps in the course of a year in mailing parcels and the other day our mailing clerk rushed in all excited, (you see people get stamp conscious and war conscious), she said "Mr. Linn, did you see this V for Victory stamp." Sure enough she had it in her hand but it was only one of the 1939 Base Ball stamps and sure enough the bats in the upper left corner make a very excellent V.

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The Aside Walks of New York

By De Witt Frankel

Sobversation

Humphrey H. Bogart plays the role of a wise-guy lawyer in that splendid movie 'The Maltese Falcon.' He talks big money and seems to be aware of any little detail involved in the story. We waited to witness the scene over again when Bogart takes a three cent stamped envelope and mails it. A close up of the letter reveals that the slick private detective used a three cent envelope for a city delivery. Mayhap John Huston, the director over-looked that detail.

Snobversation

One stamp collector who lives atop of a twenty story building, in what may be termed a repent house, confided that his regrets about his abode knows no bounds, since he has been appointed an air-raid warden, and he now knows how safe a basement shelter is in the same dwelling.

Mail-o-mat

Not so long ago, a paragraph was offered in praise of the Mail-o-mat machine. Its numerous advantages were extolled, we hope, with munificent elucidations. Now comes another phase. Folks have evidently been abusing the Robot with hurried cancellations when more postage should have been applied. A hasty inspector rather unceremoniously grabbed a letter out of our hands the other day, only after a nine cent payment had already been registered. The apologies were alright with us, but it certainly must have offended other users, if the same treatment was invoked on them.

Kate Smith Broadcast

Perhaps you also listened to the glorious tribute paid to Franklin Delano Roosevelt, as it was interpolated by Kate Smith in her regular coast to coast broadcast. Our great President truly deserved all the praise spoken about him. You may also have noticed that Kate Smith mentioned 'Stamp Collecting' as one of our President's hobbies.

Throbversation

While the radio is still being mentioned, you may as well know that every time 'The Missing Heirs' programme is on the air, we can't help wondering when some airmail collector is going to send in an inquiry

with a want list of all the missing airs vacant from his album.

Matematically Speaking

A few stamp collectors were speaking about a certain dealer, and as one of them put it in words, the dealer is so cheap, that few people can possibly buy one stamp from him. It takes two stamps to equal one sale.

Gaggravation

One dealer handed us this nifty about the collector who was a little more than delinquent in paying for want items. The dealer received a rather lengthy letter which closed with a remark about the check list attached. His reply was very brief, and in the following words. 'I have the list, now send the cheque.'

Birth of a Philatelist

We've often watched the smug countenances of authorities and have also observed how they delight in contesting various points on or about certain stamps. Blame it on our own angle of Philately if we mention that there is so much more pleasure derived from checking on a lad's first intimacy with stamp collecting. His sincerity and enthusiasm may in later years develop into the same blase exterior as manifested by the day's experts, but the fun displayed by a beginner is far more gratifying. The adult is just as interesting if stamps have been neglected either in or since the younger days. His is a shy approach until the realization that there are about ten million other stamp collectors in this old world.

Strange Story

This may sound like some fanciful story, but it really is true, and concerns a lad who works near our abode. Some friend must have mentioned our interest in stamps, so the lad did not hesitate to knock on our door at two in the morning to ask questions about a few foreign stamps. We gave him Herman Herst's address, but cautioned the fellow not to knock on Herme's door so early. Three o'clock would be quite alright.

Query

When are SOME of the stamp magazines going to get wise. The shortage of paper is a rather poignant

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factor, nowadays, and yet SOME of the magazines print and re-print material without discriminations. They encourage plagiarism without so much as an eye-wink or an apology. Supposing a few words are changed or juggled around, must every publication follow the same trend of material. It's like a chap said the other day. Mark Hellinger writes so much like O'Henry, that if O'Henry was still alive, they would be accusing him of stealing Hellinger's stuff.

Retort Philatelic

A friend watched a Fella You Know put the finishing touches to a column for a stamp magazine. His only question was why so much verbiage has to be written for the dear public. The rejoinder was flippant enough to squash the other fellow's attitude. The answer was that the writer likes to give his readers a whole lot to complain about.

Holidays

Guess you all know that quite a few stamp club meetings are held on Thursdays in New York's Manhattan, and so because Christmas and New Year's Day were on respective Thursdays, there has been little source for current eavesdropping. Everything, we hope, goes back again into routine this week, and more of this and data may be recorded from now and anon.

Apple Issue and Stamp Pie

A venture into a second hand book shop, the other afternoon, surprised us no end to find that a series of books written by one woman comprised no less than advice on how to cook, bake, collect stamps, and what to do with your hobby. Perforated stamps with watermarked gravy, and hinge dressing should be good!

Aside Talk

We recorded a lot of nonsense this week, and perhaps we are taking good

advice to strike a tempo of humor during the days in which this country is now involved in war. There is barely a time we hasten to catch our train, when some loved one isn't bidding good-bye to a while to a serviceman on his way to camp. It's all done in a hopeful and rather cheerful manner, and such splendid morale and fortitude will without question all be rewarded with victory. You'd be surprised if you also saw a chappie waiting for his train, the while he thumbed through a pretty well-worn stamp catalog. No ceremony was wasted in chatting with the fellow, and finding out where stamps would reach him.

Every Little Bit Helps

One of the young ladies working in a bakery in the Grand Central Terminal, has been accumulating used Christmas cards, which she relays to sick people in various hospitals. Her sincerity is a fine gesture, and here's hoping she also asks for, and sends along the stamps attached to the envelopes bearing the Xmas missives.

Addendum

Greetings are still arriving irrespective of the fact that Christmas is only about ten months and a little more away. The latest cards are from a tuberculosis victim, a Chinese boy, and a chappie without legs. They send thanx for cards, but we are more than happy to be remembered by them!

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CANCELLATIONS AND COVERS

STEPHEN G. HULSE

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Have had a couple of interesting letters from Elliott B. Holton. Mr. Holton is interested in tracing the changes the various changes that R.P.O. routes have gone through. It requires a lot of work with maps and old R.M.S. schedules to trace down some of the older ones. As an example, from a cancel reading Em. Gr. & Getty's he has traced the growth of the route as follows. Emory Grove & Getty's Agent 1883, Glyndon & Gettys R.P.O. 1890, Balt & Highfield R.P.O. 1897, Baltimore & Gettysburg R.P.O. 1931. This is an interesting field and one that is of benefit to the hobby. A collection of the various cancels showing the changes in the route name is of much more interest than just a general collection. Mr. Holton is also interested in taking pictures of trains carrying R.P.O. but that field will be discontinued now due to the war. Even before we were at war it was becoming increasingly difficult to pursue and with the added restrictions it is just as well to forget it for the duration. Now is the time to do some trading for the pictures you want and live up the collection.

Two covers this month with cachets of trains. The Empire State Express of the New York Central was recently streamlined and the cover is cacheted with a picture of the streamliner and cancelled on board N. Y. & Chi. E. D. R.P.O. Tr. 51. The other cover commemorates the first trip of The Prospector on the Denver & Rio Grande Western between Denver and Salt Lake City.

Mr. Holton says that I missed on narrow gauge R.P.O. here in my own state. The Huntingdon and Bedford

R.P.O. which is still in operation. It is a three foot gauge road. There are probably others that I have missed. If you know of any let me hear about them.

Fts. Monroe & Rich. changed to Ft. Monroe and Rich. effective Oct. 15. This was changed from Fortress to Fort to conform with the army name for the post it being Fort Monroe.

Lester N. Vandivier says there was once an R.P.O. in Penna. in which neither of the terminals named had a post office. It was the Satterfield & Halls R.P.O. There are several instances in which one of the terminals mentioned has no office. I wonder if one of my readers can explain the reason for this.

What does the TRS. in this cancel stand for. Linton & Roscoe Trs./R.P.O.

The Ord & Grand Island R.P.O. was discontinued Dec. 6. Those of you who had covers with Major King will receive them shortly. Major King says he has a few extra at cost (2c) he will send to any who want them. He has covers out at four other points so some other events are coming up. Better keep some covers with him. His address; Major Norman D. King, Box 1567, Casper, Wyoming.

Albany & Lockhart changed to Albany & Hartford R.P.O.

Rochester & Corning changed to Avon & Corning R.P.O.

Washington & Lexington discontinued Oct. 26, 1941.

What is the earliest date of use of R.P.O. in a cancel. It should be 1860 as the first Railway Post Office car was put in service then. However, the cancel may be of earlier or later date. At that time R. R. or AGT. markings were the usual ones.

In the field of street car markings the Rochester N. Y. cancels seem to be the scarcest. I have never seen one. The San Francisco markings are uncommon also.

The collection of these marking seems to be becoming more popular. I am hearing from an increasing number of collectors interested in them. I think they are the most interesting of all the R.P.O. cancels.

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Service on some R.P.O. is performed by clerks from another R.P.O. I believe in cases such as these that the two runs coincide and that the only difference is in the cancel. I would like more information as to the usage and the distinction between the two offices if the service is performed on the same train and in the same cars.

If any of you sent for the Phillipine R.P.O. I mentioned in the column last month I would like to hear if you receive them. With the recent developments out there they are probably not to be had.

The Union of South Africa has had a train on tour for some time showing the progress in the production of war materials. The train carried a post office and mail was cancelled in two languages, English and Afrikaans. The English reads WAR TRAIN P. O. and date. This train toured most of South Africa.

It is possible to tell the direction of travel of an R.P.O. cover by the train number in the cancel. The practice of the railroads is to number the trains southbound and westbound with odd numbers and northbound and eastbound with even numbers. Many collectors collect the different train numbers as well as the different wordings. On some of the runs there are quite a few different numbers to be had. New York & Chicago and Pitts. & Chi. and Pitts & New York have many different numbers.

My thanks for covers to: L. E. De-quine, Richard J. Anderson, W. G. Koelln and Lester N. Vandivier.

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One thing that makes a patriotic envelope is the cancellation date. First of all, covers cancelled on any date of importance should have a special interest for collectors. To start with, look over your mail of recent weeks and see if you can dig out a cover cancelled December 7, 1941. This is the day that Japan attacked Pearl Harbor. Then look for a date, December 8, 1941. This is the day that the United States declared war on Japan. Next, find a date December 11, the day the United States declared war on Germany, Italy and the Axis powers. Other dates since then that have events of importance attached to them can be selected also. If you are fortunate enough to find plain covers with enough room at the left side on which to have printed a patriotic picture or flag or on which you can attach a patriotic label or flag sticker, you have a cover that is marked and of a date of importance. If you care to go to the trouble and expense of doing so, you can have a line of type printed on such covers, explaining their significance.

In the January number of the American Philatelist, Editor Kimble prints a small note under the title "First U. S. 1941 Patriotic Envelope." He refers to a cover mailed by Larry Shomaker of Lakewood, Ohio, on Dec. 8th. Mr. Kimble makes rash claims at many times and this is one of them. Any collector who has been on his toes has many covers of the past year or more which are printed patriotic covers and as for the 1941 covers, or more particularly covers which have come since Pearl Harbor, I have three in my collection, one dated December 7 with patriotic picture and wording at left and across bottom of the cover is printed, "Japanese Warplanes Today Attacked Manila, P. I., and Pearl Harbor, Hawaii." Another pictorial cover dated December 8 and with printed inscription "The United States Today Declares War on Japan." Still another, dated December 11, with picture and printed inscription,

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LaGanke—G.-P. Prexy

Officers of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club of Cleveland, American Philatelic Society Chapter No. 30, for 1942 have been named by the newly elected Board of Trustees. Affairs of the club will be handled by Nelson P. LeGanke, president; George C. Hahn, vice-president; E. D. Piper, secretary, and Russell Hagans, treasurer.

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Wichita Stamp Club to Hold Defense Auction

On Friday, January 23rd, the Wichita Stamp Club, Inc., will hold a donation auction, the entire proceeds of which will go into the Club's "War Chest" and will be used for the purchase of United States Defense Bonds.

In addition to the auction, several stunts will be presented, including a version of the old parlor game known as "Pin a tail on the Donkey." The Wichita Stamp Club's 1942 version of this game will be called "Pin a Bomb on Hitler," in which members will pay a sum into the Club's "War Chest" for the privilege of trying, while blindfolded, to pin a bomb on Hitler. Those successful in bombing Hitler in his vulnerable spot, will receive a prize. Maps of Japan, Germany and Italy will be prepared and as the auction proceeds, small squares of black paper, each representing \$1.00 in sales will be pinned on the maps and an effort will be made to completely black out all of the Axis countries.

Stamps for sale at this auction will be accepted from members of the Club and also from any other collectors who might wish to help in this project. Auction material should be forwarded to Marc C. Clapp, care of the Clapp Mortgage Co., Wichita, Kansas. Money realized from the eventual sale of the Defense Bonds, will be used to promote future exhibitions, purchase philatelic books for the Club's library and be used otherwise for the betterment of philately. All collectors are invited to attend this auction, which will start at 8 P. M. in the Grill Room of the Hotel Lassen, Friday, January 23rd.

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Well sought after in New York was the recent set from Hong Kong, which I mentioned last week. Checking with those who received the issue, it seems that about 1,000 sets were received. There is a very good possibility that this figure may be high as some whom I questioned may have bought their supply from one of the original sources.

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The new Grenfell stamp from Newfoundland, is another item which is selling very well. There is a large enough supply of this left at the time of writing. I don't know how many were printed. The Newfoundland travel agency, which handled the Kings Visit, didn't have this information as yet.

Dealers are wondering when the South African set, showing S. A. at war will arrive. So far very few mint sets have come in. The only copies of these stamps which I have seen have been on cover. These stamps will prove very popular here.

Many of the metropolitan clubs are planning various events to help raise money for war aid. By this they mean funds for the U. S. O., American Red Cross etc. So far the only tentative program is one prepared by the American Stamp Dealers Association. Emil Bruechig, president, has a committee working on a Bazaar, no date set as yet.

The auction season is under way again. J. J. Kleman Jr., is selling a superb unused, never hinged copy of the 2c Pan American inverted center. Catalogues \$3,000.00. Laurence & Stryker are holding their second auction since combining their businesses. They are featuring a nice collection of covers. Day before this issue is out, Carl Pelander will have disposed of some nice Canal Zone rarities.

Business in New York, on the average, has been under par. The dealers won't mind this so much if their customers have been buying other stamps, such as Defense Stamps. No one can buy too much of these stamps.

Hand Painted Covers

From Starkweather, N. Dakota, comes one of the most handsome covers that has ever come to the office of Linn's Weekly Stamp News. This cover is from Mabel R. Hodapp, 1070 Eugene, Indianapolis, Ind., president of the Chattahoochee Covers Club and she states, "All our cachets are hand painted."

Canceled at Starkweather, N. Dak., the cover is typical of the cancellation for it pictures some of the most stark weather one would want to find. The small prairie home snowbound, with bare limbed trees and the fence posts sticking up through the snow. A pine tree well laden with snow in true winter fashion and over all a glow of the setting sun which altho not in the picture, is certainly over the horizon. But to top it off, the cover contains another picture which is so foreign to the scene that it just stands out as a cover to be prized and preserved. Done in black in the lower center part of the cover is a hansom cab with high stepping horse and the cabby in his seat. A lantern is attached to the front with a glow of light that adds real life to the picture.

This entire cover is handpainted and certainly is a cover that one can preserve with pride and pleasure. Members and participants in the Chattahoochee Covers Club must get a heap of pleasure and enjoyment from collecting covers such as this.

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A Recording of New Issues

By WM. C. WEBB

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BELGIAN EAST AFRICA. Provisional Issue.

Black over-print.

5c on 40c green (Scott #41)

60c on 50c gray-lilac (Scott #42)

2fr50 on 1fr.50 brown-violet (Scott #47)

3fr25 on 2fr blue (Scott #48)

BRAZIL.

20,000 r. brown (Portrait of Admiral Maurity)

CAMEROONS.

The Free French issue printed in London has arrived. The design features the sword of Jeanne d'Arc, with a shield bearing the Lorraine Cross, centered between ornamental side borders of geometrical figures. At the top is the inscription "France Libre" with the letters "R F" at either side of the sword hilt. The value is shown on either side below the shield, and the name of the colony "Cameroun" in a tablet at the bottom. Values and colors are:

5c brown
10c blue
25c green
30c orange
40c dark green
80c red-brown
1f. red lilac
1.50 fr. red
2f. green
2.50fr. ultramarine
4fr. violet
5fr. bright rose (cerise)
10fr. brown
20fr. deep green.

The issue was printed in photogravure by Harrison & Sons, London.

CONGO. Provisional.

The New York Times reports that the 1.50fr. of the National Parks set (Scott #169) has been overprinted 5c in black.

GREAT BRITAIN. "Stamp Collecting, London," reports that the 1d, 2d., 2½d, 3d, and 5d., of the current British stamps have been overprinted "M. E. F." for use in the territories in Africa occupied by His Majesty's troops. These stamps are not for the use of the army, which uses unsurcharged British stamps, but for the use of the civilian population of the occupied countries. The initials are for "Middle East Force." These stamps may be expected to be used in Eritrea, Somaliland, Cyrenaica and other enemy provinces taken by the British Middle East forces.

ICELAND. Commemoratives.

The "Snorri" commemoratives, noted in this column on December 27th, have arrived on first day covers dated November 17th, 1941. The central portion of the design shows the statue of Snorri, with the date 23 Sept. above the head, the year dates 1241 and 1941 at either side in tablets (so arranged that the inscription across the top of the stamps reads "1241 23 Sept 1941", with the value tablet in the lower left just over the name of the country. Incidentally, the New York American states that the statue, planned as a gift to Iceland from the people of Norway, is still in Norway, delivery to Iceland not having been possible on account of the war. Values and colors as follows:

25 a. red
50 a. blue
1kr. green.

PORTUGAL. Souvenir Sheet.

The New York Times reports that eight commemoratives which were released as individual stamps in 1940: 40c and 1.75e with figure of King Alfonso Henriques, 25c and 1e in the "Caravel" design, 10c and 80c Portuguese World Exposition, and the 15c and 35c King John IV have been issued in a single large sheet. The Times states that the colors differ slightly from the regular issues.

SIAM. (Thailand).

The New York American illustrates a slogan cancellation from Bangkok dated October 18, 1941 reading "THAILAND implores for WORLD PEACE." Just a short time later Thailand (Land of the Free People) was subjugated by Japan.

TURKEY.

Two new sets, one commemorating the annual "Izmir Fair" and the other in honor of "Khair-ed-din" or "Barbarossa" have been issued but so far have not been seen by your editor. As soon as they come to hand we will describe the issues.

BUY DEFENSE STAMPS

Philately in Hawaii

From a subscriber in Hawaii comes a letter dated December 29, 1941 and which was delivered to the office of Linns' Weekly on January 5th, very excellent time under present conditions. The cover is the first censored cover from Hawaii to come to our office. The censor has carefully clipped open the end of the envelope, resealed it with cellulose tape and rubber stamped it "Released by I. C. B. 5."

Our correspondent Mr. J. A. Kerr, writes as follows:—

Hawaii spent a joyous Christmas-tide tempered with sorrow for those who so nobly gave their lives during the attack on the Paradise of the Pacific three short weeks ago.

"Remember Pearl Harbor" is the slogan today. We in Hawaii will not easily forget. It is for you of the mainland of these United States of America to make sure that "Remember Pearl Harbor" does not lose its importance as a slogan.

Now for Philatelic news. Sarawak recently issued a set of two War Tax overprints, said to be virtually unobtainable in mint condition. Well, it seems a local dealer is selling lots of sets at 10c mint. He also had a few of the Federated Malay States provisionals which were priced rather high.

A very interesting set seen here was the recent Russian surcharged provisional set of four. This was priced rather high too. The Russian surcharges were on the small soldier and workman issues, your correspondent believes.

Stamps have been momentarily forgotten over here, but as more and more people get their blackout rooms completed, collectors will again be active. It is a nice way to spend evenings at home.

Well, America, aloha and "Keep 'em Flying."

J. A. Kerr.

P. S.—The stamps which seem to be selling best over here right now are Defense stamps.

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Baltimore, Ohio

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